

January 9, 2019

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 9, 2019, 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of the December 19 and 21, 2018, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Portfolio Allocation  
Corrected Motion

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission amend the Commission Motion adopted on December 19, 2018 that allocated Commission portfolios, to correctly identify one portfolio allocated to Commissioner Julie Fedorchak as "Transmission Pipeline Siting" rather than "Transmission Pipeline Safety."

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-155  
Northern States Power Company  
Tax Reform Effects - Electric Utility  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Corrected Notice of Hearing, correcting the hearing date to March 20, 2019, in Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects – Electric Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-155.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-334  
Public Service Commission  
Windsong Contracting LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Windsong Contracting, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-334.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-345  
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC  
Natural Gas Service - Drayton, ND  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$49,905.04 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Service – Drayton, ND, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-18-345.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-366  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Kent Bartholomay - Ransom County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Kent Bartholomay – Ransom County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-18-366.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-432  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s updated Cogeneration/Small Power Producer rates, in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Cogeneration/Small Power Producer, Case No. PU-18-432.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-365  
Boomerang Wireless, LLC  
2018 Lifeline Customer List  
Reports

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Boomerang Wireless, LLC, 2018 Lifeline Customer List, Reports, Case No. PU-18-365

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-353  
Telrite Corporation  
2018 Lifeline Customer List  
Reports

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Telrite Corporation, 2018 Lifeline Customer List, Reports, Case No. PU-18-353

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-376  
Midcontinent Communications  
2018 Lifeline Customer List  
Reports

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Midcontinent Communications, 2018 Lifeline Customer List, Reports, Case No. PU-18-376

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification  
Approval

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Certificate No.</b>
Charles Anderson	Falkirk Mine	10-02-324-R(3)
Shane Berg	Falkirk Mine	07-11-298-R(4)
Brian Churchill	Falkirk Mine	13-06-351-R(2)
Bernell Heid	Falkirk Mine	99-10-232-R(6)
Jeremiah Hruby	Falkirk Mine	10-02-323-R(3)
Darcy Kramlich	Falkirk Mine	94-11-224-R(8)
Troy Leingang	Falkirk Mine	07-11-300-R(4)

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-75  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
Gas Service  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Settlement in Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Gas Service, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-75.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-351  
Aurora Wind Project, LLC  
345 kV Transmission Line - Williams  
and Mountrail  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-352  
Aurora Wind Project, LLC  
Aurora Wind Project - Williams County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law or fact, I move the Commission consolidate for hearing, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, Aurora Wind Project, LLC, 345 kV Transmission Line – Williams & Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-351, and Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-352.

I further move the Commission deem the applications complete conditioned on receipt at least 30 days prior to the hearing of: 1) Maps showing final site plan with turbines, access roads, collector lines, transmission line structures and all residential receptor points labeled. 2.) Class III cultural resource survey reports or summaries showing areas surveyed and SHPO cultural site numbers recommended for avoidance; and 3) Wetland delineation reports.

I further move the Commission issue a Notice of Filings and Notice of Consolidated Hearings in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, 345 kV Transmission Line – Williams & Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-351, and Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-352.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-373  
Midcontinent Communications  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-18-373.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Temporary Salary Adjustment

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission grant a temporary salary adjustment for Position No. 4999 effective January 5, 2019 as specified in the memorandum dated December 31, 2018.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-403  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Mankato Energy  
Center  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh, Victor Schock and Adam Renfandt as advocacy staff effective January 4, 2019, in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – Mankato Energy Center, Application, Case No. PU-18-403.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-430  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - 151.2 MW Dakota  
Range III  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh, Victor Schock and Adam Renfandt as advocacy staff effective January 4, 2019, in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – 151.2 MW Dakota Range III, Application, Case No. PU-18-430.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.



Interim Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN